

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8, 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,009,336) in view of Hull et al. (U.S. Patent 5,806,005). The Examiner has rejected Claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al., and further in view of Oiwa (JP 06233295A). The Examiner has rejected Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al., and further in view of Gerszberg et al. (U.S. Patent 6,044,403). The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Oiwa. The Examiner has rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al. and Sugiyama et al. (U.S. Patent 5,696,315).

Regarding independent Claim 1, the claim has been amended to more clearly define the OSD controller in that the OSD controller controls the overlay display of characters and background images, said background images received from the portable phone unit or previously downloaded, at a specific position of a currently-displayed external images on the display in synchronization with one of an external color sync signal received from the camera unit when the background image is received from the portable phone unit or in synchronization with an internal color sync signal when the background image is previously downloaded. The amendments are based on the fact that neither Harris et al. nor Hull et al. teaches or discloses, alone or in combination, that characters and background images, which are received by the portable phone or previously downloaded, are displayed simultaneously and in an overlay manner. Based on at least the foregoing amendment and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Regarding independent Claim 16, the claim has been amended to further clarify the simultaneous display of the characters and the background image under control of the OSD controller. The remarks outlined above with respect to Claim 1 also apply to Claim 16. Based on at least the foregoing amendment and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Regarding independent Claim 17, the claim has been amended to recite that the camera mode is performed during the portable phone mode. This simultaneous operation is neither

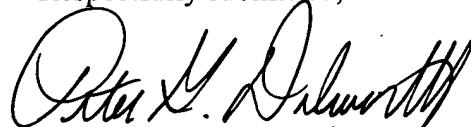
taught nor disclosed by the cited references. Based on at least the foregoing amendment and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Finally, regarding independent Claim 20, neither Harris et al., Hull et al. nor Sugiyama et al., either alone or in combination, discloses a portable composite communication terminal capable of operating in a first and a second E-mail transmission sub-mode. Each of the references can only operate in one of the two modes, not both. Based on at least the foregoing argument, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 20 is warranted.

Independent Claims 1, 16, 17 and 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-11, 13-15, 18 and 19, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-11, 13-15, 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-11 and 13-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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